
YOUR RAIL TRAVEL GUIDE

Sat 4th Jan 1986



Away day to YORK

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We're getting there

Here We Go!

Welcome aboard the 'Blues Club Special' train to York for the F.A.Cup Third Round tie with York City. It's not often that Wycombe Wanderers reach the Third Round (this is only the second occasion), and this is also the first special train to be run by the Wanderers since the trip to Altrincham 4 years ago, but more about that later.

The past record of Wycombe Wanderers' special trains is excellent. Today there are nearly 400 supporters on board, and the Blues Club intend their proud and creditable record of behaviour and organisation to continue. In accordance with F.A. & government guidelines NO ALCOHOL is allowed on board. Anyone found carrying alcohol will be dealt with in the strictest possible way. Please be on your best behaviour today, and do not be intimidated by others of less intelligence. Remember, it is the name of Wycombe Wanderers F.C. that is attributed to the actions of its supporters. Let's make the behaviour and support a credit to the Club, as we have done before.

A police escort will accompany Wycombe supporters to and from York's ground. The train back will leave shortly after the game, arriving back in High Wycombe at approximately 10pm.

Previous Train Journeys

You may be interested in the previous special trains that have been organised for Wycombe's big cup games over the past few years. Here's a brief summary of each :

Runcorn

Wycombe's first train excursion for several years was in 1977, when around 400 fans travelled by rail to see the F.A.Trophy 2nd Round tie at Runcorn. The Wycombe fans were delighted, to say the least, when Micky Hollifield opened the scoring for the Blues after only two minutes. After surviving a Runcorn onslaught for the remainder of the half, including a tremendous penalty save from John Maskell, Wycombe conceded an equaliser within 90 seconds

of the restart. The inevitable happened after 62 minutes, when Runcorn took a 2-1 lead, but then the Wanderers were 'robbed' of a clear penalty just 3 minutes later when a Runcorn defender handled the ball inside his own penalty area, but the referee gave an indirect free-kick outside the area! The Wanderers chairman, Reg Williams, later declared the special train 'a credit to the town'.

Bridgend

This time, one of Wycombe's rare journeys to Wales, for a 1st Round F.A. Trophy tie against Southern Leaguers Bridgend Town. Bridgend were used to rugby crowds, and were aghast as the Wycombe supporters, players and officials made their way from the local station to the ground in a trail of light and dark blue. Wycombe dominated the game, as well as the ground, but somehow the tie remained scoreless at half-time. With two minutes left of normal time Bridgend won a corner, which was cleared out as far as Jones, who slammed the ball goalwards. His shot cannoned against the Wycombe crossbar, and the ball was scrambled clear. A minute later Wycombe full-back Paul Birdseye crossed the ball into the penalty box, where Micky Holified beat a defender and slotted the ball home. The celebrations on the journey home were shared by all, as the players joined the fans in the jubilant carriages.

Goole

The next round of the Trophy, following our victory at Bridgend, was against Northern Premier side Goole Town. Wycombe were sitting in 2nd place in the Isthmian League behind Enfield, whilst Goole were in 13th position sandwiched between Frickley (at home to Rotherham in the FA Cup today), and Barrow (5-0 losers at Brandon in the 1st Qualifying round this season). In atrocious conditions of rain and wind, Wycombe's legion of fans, who probably made up at least half of the 1,156 gate, saw their team fall 2-0 behind to goals in the 41st and 64th minutes. It was sadly too late for the Wanderers to comeback, but a spirited fightback earned them a consolation goal in the 79th minute. This was another successful journey, with the players and officials travelling on board with the fans.

Cup Crossword

Just to pass the time away, here's a brain teaser to test your knowledge of Wycombe Wanderers' cup exploits. Here's the clues, the crossword is on the opposite page. The correct solution will be published in the next home programme. Good Luck.

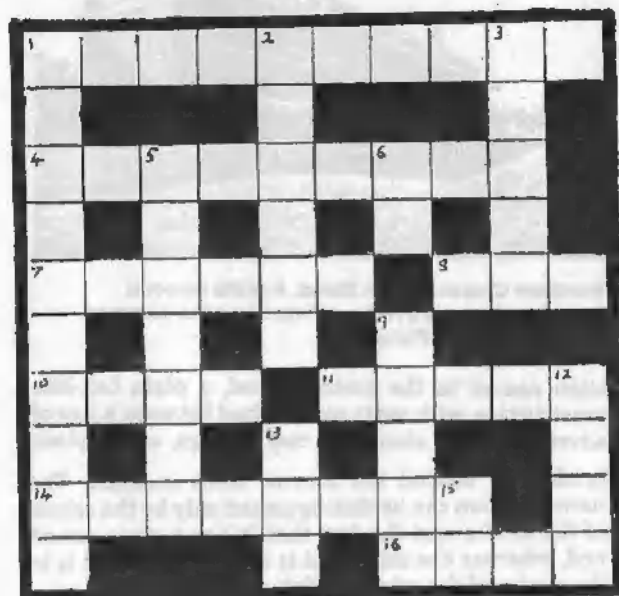
CLUES ACROSS

1. Terry Glynn left this club soon after we had knocked them out of the cup. (18)
4. Hopefully they will be our Merseyside opponents in the fourth round. (9)
7. We knocked this lot out of the Hilachi Cup in 1982/83, but they won the title the next year (6)
8. The easiest way of getting through to the next round of a cup ... cheerio ! (3)
10. Ruth's local paper, or a famous person. (4)
11. Fairly local rivals in all-gold, a bogey team for us. Defeated us in an FA Trophy replay in 1979 (5)
14. Took a replay at Loakes Park to dispose of this small club from near Nottingham, in the FA Cup in 1983. Clue : Direction towards trees (8)
16. How many did we score against Hungerford in this seasons Berks & Bucks Cup. (4)

CLUES DOWN

1. Our last Football League scalp in the FA Cup. (18)
2. Local club managed by Mike Keen. We drew with Hungerford there in the 1979 B & B Cup Final. (6)
3. Our Geordie full-back. (5)
5. He probably won't be collecting the F.A. Cup this season at Wembley. (7)
6. Suicidal goalscoring method, abbreviated. (1,1)
9. Mac has only scored two goals for Wycombe, one in the FA Cup and one in the B & B (5)
12. Off____, York's forwards only I hope. (4)
13. Number of goals we scored in the last two rounds (3)
15. Princess ____, how did she sneak into a football crossword ? She gets everywhere ! (2)

Cup Crossword



Forthcoming Fixtures

DATE	OPPONENTS	COMP	V
Tue 7 Jan	ARMY	Fr	H
Sat 11 Jan	MAIDSTONE UNITED	GL	H
Sat 18 Jan	Crawley Town	FAT2	A
Tue 21 Jan	MAIDENHEAD UNITED	B&B3	H
Sat 25 Jan	Enfield	GL	A
Sat 1 Feb	SCARBOROUGH	GL	H
Wed 5 Feb	Weymouth	GL	A
Sat 8 Feb	BATH CITY	GL	H
Sat 15 Feb	Boston United	GL	A
Thu 28 Feb	R.A.F.	Fr	H
Sat 22 Feb	ALTRINCHAM	GL	H
Sat 1 Mar	Telford	GL	A
Mon 3 Mar	Kidderminster Harrier	GL	A
Sat 8 Mar	Frickley Athletic	GL	A
Sat 15 Mar	BARNET	GL	H

Blyth

After several postponements, over 200 Wycombe supporters made the 283 mile trip north for this F.A. Trophy 2nd Round tie at Blyth. The final 10 miles from the local railway station to the Blyth ground was made via a fleet of coaches, escorted by police motorcyclists. Blyth, who had reached the 5th Round of the F.A. Cup the year before fell behind to a 31st minute goal from Terry Scott, and for the next 40 minutes the Wanderers seemed set to silence the Northerners. But, after 71 minutes, Blyth equalised, and the Blues fans and players alike, were relieved when the final whistle blew. The delighted fans returned home with confidence in their hearts, knowing full well that the replay would be a much easier affair. They were proved right as the Wanderer's cruised to a 3-0 victory. The Blues' goals came from Steve Hardwick, Stuart Atkins & Steve Long.

Altrincham

Wycombe's 'biggest' game for years was this FA Trophy semi-final first-leg tie at Altrincham. This was a very daunting tie, and the visiting Blues fans were very happy as the game headed towards a 0-0 draw. Then our fans went crazy as, with just minutes remaining, Ken Wilson scrambled the ball home. However, the tears of joys were soon replaced by tears of sadness when, deep into injury time, Altrincham struck with the equaliser. Wycombe fans on the train home had several hours to discuss the game, in fact several more hours than anyone had expected.....

At five to nine, just 40 minutes from home, the train was heading towards Princes Risborough, when it stopped. Apparently, there had been a complete signal failure at Risborough. A long delay ensued, until we eventually started heading backwards towards Banbury, where we were to pick up a different line via Oxford ! estimated journey time 2 hours ! Unbelievably the train then ground to yet another halt, this time a Trainspotter's Special had run out of diesel and was blocking our path. The new plan was for our train to push theirs to Oxford, which was no easy task with its 21 carriages, one broken down engine, and its 750 passengers (with anoraks and really big books). Still, we made it home, tired and hungry, at 1am, 3 hours late, but looking forward to the second leg.

Good luck to Altrincham this afternoon, who face the might of First Division Birmingham City.

◆ YORK CITY ◆

Previous Grounds

A team called York City played from the turn of the century until the First World War at a ground called Field View, Holgate, only a few hundred yards from the present ground. In 1922 York City were reborn, but on the other side of the city, near the university campus, at Fulfordgate. But Fulfordgate was too far from the railway station and the club's centre of support, so in 1932 the club asked its followers for their views on a move, and in the summer of that year York City took over Bootham Crescent. Fulfordgate was built over with a housing estate, and the ground stood where Eastward Avenue is now.

Bootham Crescent

Bootham Crescent belonged to York Cricket Club when York City purchased the land and set about converting it into a football ground. A Main Stand, a section of the existing structure, was built and a cover put up over the Popular Side. The ground was opened on 31 August 1932. Although the team hardly caused a ripple in the Third Division North, City did cause a few shocks in the FA Cup, and it was their 6th Round tie v. Huddersfield Town in March 1938 that attracted Bootham Crescent's highest gate of 28 123.

During the Second World War, the ground suffered damage when a bomb fell on the Shipton Street End. Soon after the War the terracing was laid properly with concrete. City's greatest achievement came in 1955, when they just failed to beat Newcastle in an FA Cup semi-final and then lost the replay. United won the Cup, but City spent their profits wisely, building an extension to the Main Stand.

Despite losing to Newcastle, good relations were maintained between the two clubs, and on 28 October 1959 United sent a team to Bootham Crescent to mark the switching on of York's new floodlights, which cost £14 500.

For two seasons, 1974-76, York played in the Second Division, and seats were installed under the Popular Side roof, increasing the seating total to 2762. The ground's capacity is reduced from 16 500 to 13 824.

Ground Description

The ground is a short walk from the old city walls, on the north west side of the centre. Bootham Bar is one of several medieval gates nearby, leading directly into the grounds of York Minster.

But as delightful as the city is, so Bootham Crescent is a disappointing ground, lacking any feature of note. The Main Stand sits along three-quarters of the



Bootham Crescent Main Stand. A white wooden perimeter fence is a rare survivor of a once common feature (Sporting Pictures)

pitch nearer to the northern end, a plain box-like construction with seats sandwiched between a line of advertisements along the roof facings, and a plain brick wall behind the narrow front paddock. The newer section can be distinguished only by the colour of the bricks and the fact that it has a glass screen end, whereas the other end is open. The tunnel is in the centre of the original Main Stand.

From here to the left is the uncovered Grosvenor Road End terrace. The rear of the bank has been fenced-off, a precaution taken by the club when cracks were found in the rear walls of the banking.

To the right is the Shipton Street terrace, also uncovered, but slightly higher than the opposite bank. At the rear is an old scoreboard, now used as an advertisement hoarding. Behind is the Shipton Street primary school, and if you look over the Main Stand from here you can see above the roof tops the fifteenth century central tower of York Minster. This view is one redeeming feature.

Opposite the Main Stand is the Popular Side, now all-seated except for the final section near the Shipton Street. Although installed only in 1974, the seats are in an advanced state of delapidation, but unusually they have armrests. Behind this stand are the Duncombe Barracks, used by the Territorial Army.

The area is sedately suburban, and Bootham Crescent must therefore retain a certain sense of decorum. Hardly surprisingly, one of its more endearing qualities is an original, white, wooden perimeter fence, although most of this is obscured by advertisements. The ground does not feel enclosed, nor does it, like Gresty Road or the Victoria Ground, Hartlepool, reflect in any way the city in which it stands. To borrow a phrase from Oliver Goldsmith, Bootham Crescent is 'dull without a single absurdity'.

York's Likely Line-Up

ANDY LEANING

(Goalkeeper)

Currently the man in possession of the 'keeper's jersey. Signed during the close season.

STEVE SENIOR (Defender)

Established again in the first team after breaking a leg in April 1984. Joined as an apprentice in August 1979 and turned professional on his 18th birthday.

DEREK HOOD

(Defender/Midfield)

A regular since signing from Hull City in February 1980. Clubman of the Year in 1982/83. Served his apprenticeship with West Brom.

DAVIE McAUGHTRIE

(Defender)

Signed from Carlisle for £7,500 during the close season. This Scot started his career with Stoke City, where he made 50 appearances in the First Division.

JOHN McPHAIL

(Defender)

One of the best central defenders in the lower divisions. Signed from Sheffield United in March 1983 and Clubman of the Year for the last two seasons. Started his career with home town team Dundee.

SEAN HASLEGRAVE

(Midfield)

Took over club captaincy last term. In his third season at York after arriving from Crewe in July 1983. Started his career at Stoke City. Has also been on the books of Nottingham Forest and Preston.

GARY FORD

(Midfield)

City's longest serving player. Joined in June 1977. Has scored 53 goals in nearly 350 league and cup appearances.

DALE BANTON (Forward)

Signed from Aldershot in November 1984 for club record fee of £50,000. Joined West Ham from school and made a number of senior appearances before moving to Aldershot in 1982 when he was the 4th Division's leading marksman.

KEITH WALWYN (Forward)

Currently the top scorer in the Third Division. West Indian-born and signed from Chesterfield in 1981 for bargain price of £4,000. Possibly the biggest threat to Wycombe. He has scored more than 100 goals for City in over 200 appearances. A troublesome achilles tendon injury kept him out in the latter stages of last season.

KEITH HOUGHEN

(Midfield/Forward)

Shot to overnight fame last season when he scored the last-minute penalty which knocked Arsenal out of the FA Cup. Signed from Orient in 1984 for £15,000. Last season's top scorer with 18 league and cup goals. Started at Hartlepool.

TONY CANHAM

(Midfield)

Impressed last season in the Central League and scored on his league debut in March 1985.

MARCO GABBIADINI

(Forward)

Young local apprentice who made one substitute appearance for the first team last season.

Gola League Table

Up to and including Wednesday 1st January 1986

TEAM	PL	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1 Enfield	24	14	8	2	55	26	43
2 Altrincham	25	13	7	5	44	32	38
3 Heymouth	21	11	8	2	42	28	35
4 Frickley Athletic	20	11	4	5	35	23	30
5 Wealdstone	23	11	5	7	38	27	30
6 Kettering Town	24	9	10	5	37	32	29
7 Stafford Rangers	22	9	6	7	26	32	29
8 Boston United	25	10	5	10	40	49	29
9 Runcorn	19	9	6	4	31	16	27
10 Northwich Victoria	26	6	11	9	32	33	26
11 Scarborough	21	9	5	7	31	29	25
12 Kidderminster Harr	22	9	4	9	40	35	24
13 Barnet	23	7	7	9	31	34	24
14 Telford	23	8	7	8	35	40	24
15 Bath City	23	6	7	10	30	32	22
16 Cheltenham Town	21	5	10	6	32	35	22
17 Dagenham	21	6	6	9	28	35	20
18 Wycombe Wanderers	21	6	6	9	27	37	20
19 Dartford	23	5	6	12	29	33	17
20 Maidstone United	24	3	11	10	31	40	17
21 Nuneaton Borough	23	5	3	15	30	47	15
22 Barrow	22	2	6	14	20	49	11

Third Division Table

Reading	26	20	2	3	43	22	82
Derby	22	12	7	3	46	18	43
Plymouth	25	12	6	7	43	33	42
Doncaster	26	11	8	7	26	31	41
Blackpool	25	11	7	7	47	29	40
Walsall	23	12	4	7	45	31	40
Gillingham	24	11	7	6	44	30	40
Wigan	24	11	6	7	39	30	39
Notts C.	24	11	6	7	39	30	39
Brentford	23	11	6	6	26	26	38
York	24	11	4	8	41	30	37
Ritham	25	6	8	9	31	31	32
Bristol C.	24	8	8	8	30	35	32
Chesterfield	24	7	8	9	28	30	29
Bury	24	7	7	10	37	35	28
Bournemouth	25	8	4	13	37	39	28
Bristol R.	23	8	4	11	30	42	28
Bolton	24	7	5	12	24	33	26
Newport	23	4	12	7	22	26	24
Orlington	24	6	6	12	39	51	24
Cardiff	25	6	8	14	32	49	23
Lincoln	25	4	9	12	30	51	21
Wolves	25	6	5	15	32	60	20
Swansea	24	5	4	15	19	45	19